

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action of 22 March 2007, including the cited prior art. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has amended claims 1, 23, and 24, cancelled claim 22, and makes the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112 Second Paragraph

Examiner has rejected claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §112 Second Paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention. Specifically, Examiner has stated that claim 1, line 8 (reciting the limitation “devices may be transmitted...”) is indefinite and vague. Examiner further stated that claim 1, line 22 “said ports” lacks an antecedent basis.

As to claim 1, line 8, the expanded limitation cited by Examiner states “data obtained from said electronic devices may be transmitted to other electronic devices”. This limitation states that the data may be transmitted. The phrase “obtained from said electronic devices” is a limitation on “data”. Therefore, the claim does not require that devices may be transmitted, but that data obtained from the electronic devices may be transmitted to other electronic devices. Thus, Applicant believes that the limitation is neither indefinite nor vague, and kindly asks Examiner to reconsider this ground for rejecting claim 1.

As to claim 1, line 22, Applicant has amended “said ports” to read “said port positions” in accordance with the antecedent references to port positions. Applicant believes that no new matter is introduced with this amendment, and further believes that this limitation now has sufficient antecedent basis. Applicant kindly requests Examiner to remove this ground for rejecting claim 1.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Schweitzer III (US 5,160,926). Applicant has amended independent claim 1 (upon which all other claims depend) with the limitations of claim 22 (which Examiner has indicated are allowable if rewritten in independent form). Applicant believes that this amendment properly overcomes Examiner’s rejection, and kindly requests Examiner to remove this rejection of claim 1 and all claims that depend on claim 1.

Applicant has also cancelled claim 22 as the limitations of this claim have been incorporated into claim 1. Applicant has further corrected the dependency of claims 23 and 24 from depending on claim 22 to depending on claim 1.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the arguments set forth in this response, this application is now in condition for allowance, and requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued. However, should Examiner be of the opinion that further amendments or response is required, Applicant encourages Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below. Further, although no additional fees are believed to be due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Cook, Alex, McFarron, Manzo, Cummings & Mehler, Ltd., Deposit Account No. 50-1039 with reference to attorney docket number (1444-0057.01).

Respectfully submitted,

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